

Serial No.: 09/639,589
Examiner: Kenneth N. Vanderpuye

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3, 61 and 63-73 remain in this application. Claim 2 has been canceled. Claims 1, 3, 61, 65, 67, 69, 71 and 73 have been amended.

In the outstanding official action, claims 2 and 3 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended claim 1 to substantially include the limitations of dependent claim 2. Claim 3 has been amended to depend from currently amended claim 1. Applicants respectfully assert that these claims as now presented overcome the objection as set forth.

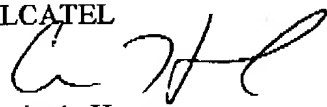
Claim 61, and 63-73 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, but were indicated to allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections. Applicants assert that these claims as now presented overcome this rejection.

It is believed that the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance; therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection of claims 1, 3, 61 and 63-73, and full allowance of same. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

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